

# REGIONAL ARCTIC OCEAN DECADE WORKSHOP

29 April - 1 May 2020  
Copenhagen, Denmark

The Regional Arctic Ocean Decade Workshop held in Copenhagen (Denmark ) from 29 April to 1 May, is part of a [global consultation process in the preparation of the UN Ocean Decade](#), where the focus is the Arctic.

It offers an opportunity to discuss, prioritize and formulate proposals for Arctic initiatives to be framed under the Decade. The workshop is hosted by the Danish Center for Marine Research in collaboration with UNESCO's IOC.

The Arctic deserves special focus as the region is currently experiencing rapid change. This is materialized as changes in physical and chemical conditions, as well as ecosystems and the distribution of species.

This workshop will provide outputs aligned with the five regional planning workshops, defined as part of the consultation phase of the Ocean Decade. It will identify how business, policy and science can work together on Arctic issues, focusing on:

- Identifying knowledge gaps and Arctic ocean science priorities for the 2030 Agenda
- Defining possible common regional ocean policy priorities
- Leveraging existing Arctic partnerships/networks/initiatives and identifying those lacking
- Involving local and indigenous communities and knowledge, and contributing to further development of regional ocean literacy
- Selecting priority themes and topics to be addressed by the Decade from a sustainable development perspective

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